

**DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes**  
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**February 7, 2005**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse**  
**443 S. 135<sup>th</sup> West**

Eleven District Advisory Board Members including two youth and four City Staff attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Approximately 15 members of the public were present with 7 signing the signup sheet.

**Members Present**

David Almes  
Bob Bulman  
Maurice Ediger  
Jerry Hoggatt  
Andy Johnson  
Scott Johnson  
John Marker  
DeAnn Sullivan  
Anthony Vu  
Ann Welborn  
Steve Winslow  
Council Member Bob Martz

**Members Absent**

David Dennis  
Monica Vashaw

**Staff Present**

Officer Addie Perkins, Police  
Greg Sharpe, Public Works  
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

**Guests**

Geri Faber, 11500 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street, 67205  
Linda Graham, Evergreen Homeowners  
Association, 67205 (Slawson  
Development)  
George Sherman, Evergreen  
Homeowners Association, 67205  
(Slawson Development)  
Gail Lane, 200 N. Evergreen  
Loyd Oakley, 245 N. Arcadia, 67212  
Krista Ham, 245 N. Arcadia, 67212  
Jeff Bannon, 201 N. Wood, 67212

**Call to Order**

**Bob Martz, City Council Member**, called the meeting to order at 7:10. He welcomed the public and explained the role of the District Advisory Board (DAB) as a citizen advisory group for the actions he takes during City Council Meetings as the District V Council representative. He stated that he facilitates the DAB meeting but does not vote as his vote is made during the City Council meeting in which he considers the recommendations and input from the DAB meeting. He also said that all persons would have an opportunity to speak on each agenda item but asked that they wait until that opportunity is announced.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

The minutes for January 3, 2005 were approved as presented by a vote of 9:0 (**Johnson/Almes**).

**Staff Reports**

**Community Police Report**

**Community Police Officer Addie Perkins, Beat 199**, reported for the all police beats in District V including 16, 19, and 199. She reports an increase in construction site burglaries in 199 and asked residents who lived near sites to take notice of lights in these areas at night as construction workers are usually not working during the dark. Officer Perkins also reported that the

intersection of Maple and Ridge Road—which includes parts of Beats 16 and 199—is experiencing a high accident rate due to heavy traffic. Perkins said the police will be increasing enforcement of traffic violations in the area. **Johnson** asked if the accidents were due to the left turns to which **Perkins** said the main issue seemed to be speeding. She said the officers will be doing more education by stopping drivers for violations and informing them about the violation and its risks.

**Hoggatt** said he thought the markings needed to show better on Maple for right turn lanes onto Maize, Tyler, Ridge, and perhaps other north-south streets. He said they were difficult to see at night. **Officer Perkins** said she would check on them on the way home and follow up with information.

**Action: The information was received and filed.**

### **New Business**

#### **29<sup>th</sup> Street North Improvement from 119<sup>th</sup> Street West to Maize**

**Greg Sharpe, Public Works**, introduced the item by providing and reviewing an outline on the project. He reported that the project had been funded in the 2004-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and included widening, curb/gutter, drainage, paving, and landscaping. The Council has authorized the design and the final plan is ready to be approved by the Council on March 2 with DAB recommendation for approval.

Sharpe said the project will widen the street to four lanes with left turn center lanes and medians. At 29<sup>th</sup> & Maize, both acceleration & deceleration lanes will be installed on Maize. Signalization at 29<sup>th</sup> & 119<sup>th</sup> will occur when traffic counts warrant. Storm drainage, sidewalks, and landscaping will all be included. The construction budget totals \$3,500,000 and is funded by \$850,000 City GO Bonds and \$2,650,000 Federal funding.

Sharpe reported that the project bid will be let in Winter 2005 and construction is estimated to start Spring 2006 with an approximate six month completion time. At that time, 29<sup>th</sup> will be closed to through traffic at 119<sup>th</sup> and at Maize Road for the construction time period. Access to existing residents will be maintained at all times.

Sharpe introduced Jeff Bradley, Baughman Engineering, as available to answer specific questions about the design.

**George Sherman, Evergreen Homeowners Association/Slawson Development**, asked if the right-of-way had been acquired to which **Sharpe** replied that right-of-way could not be negotiated until the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Environmental Section has given approval. Field Check Plans are being completed and will be submitted to KDOT in a few weeks for the approval.

**Council Member Martz** opened the discussion to the Board. The **Board Members** asked several questions including whether the type of construction east of Maize would be the same as this design; if residents were assured access; and, if the city's policy was to completely close a street for construction. **Sharpe** addressed all questions saying the construction type would be the same from Ridge to 135<sup>th</sup> Street; that access for residents was assured, and the City's policy for

closing streets for construction is to close all lanes if no businesses exist along the street and it isn't a high traffic street. If those factors exist, one lane in each direction is kept open.

**Council Member Martz** asked if the intersections would be kept open; **Sharpe** said yes.

**Bulman (Johnson)** moved the item be recommended for approval. Motion passed 9-0.

**Action: Recommended approval by the City Council.**

### **Public Agenda**

*This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present items not shown as part of the regular meeting agenda.*

**Gail Lane, 200 N. Evergreen**, presented a concern regarding sanitary sewer construction that was approved last year for her block of Evergreen Street. She reported that Cornejo Construction had recently begun the work, creating an extremely muddy road for the residents due to the wet conditions on their unpaved road that drains poorly. Lane further reported that the construction workers moved the tree limbs stacked for pickup from one resident's yard to another when needing to work in the area. An additional concern expressed by Lane was her understanding that an area resident has begun a petition to pave Evergreen road with curb and gutter and she didn't think most residents could afford the paving in addition to the sanitary sewer assessment.

**Council Member Martz** said he would check on the construction issue. He reported that he hadn't received a notice on a petition so would ask about that also.

**Loyd Oakley, 245 N. Arcadia**, asked for advisement on how to address the City Council as he wanted to do it correctly in order to receive consideration for the issue. He introduced his step-daughter, Krista Ham, and said that they were both here on behalf of his wife, Mary, who contracted a rare disease and was confined to a wheel chair until her recent death. He explained that he and his wife were in San Diego where no admission to public venues was charged to the person pushing the wheelchair. It was explained to him that this policy was established due to the need for the person in the wheelchair to have a caretaker to push the chair in order to attend. Oakley said he would like to propose that the City adopt the same policy for public venues such as Botanica, Art Museum, and others that charge admission.

**Council Member Martz** said as the District representative, he is willing to take such messages/proposals to the City Council but in this case, he thought it would be much more effective for the proposal to be presented by Oakley. He explained that the City Council Agenda also includes a public agenda portion that occurs at the beginning of the meeting. Council Member Martz directed Oakley to contact Carla Shull at 268-4331, or [cshull@wichita.gov](mailto:cshull@wichita.gov), in the City Council Office to schedule his presentation.

**Winslow** suggested that Oakley also present to the County Commission to include such sites as the Zoo, the Coliseum, and others. **Hoggatt** added that he felt sure he was speaking for the entire Board to say that DAB V fully supported Oakley in his effort to accomplish the request.

## **Board Agenda**

### **Updates, Issues, and Reports**

*Reports given about activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or District V.*

#### **DAB Members**

**Ediger** asked about the progress of the tree limb pickup from the recent ice storm. **Council Member Martz** said the pickup was moving slow and some concern existed that the contractor hired would be able to accomplish all of the work. **Ediger** said he had ridden with a friend to haul limbs to the dump site and the wait was very long. He suggested that a separate line for the limbs be formed. **Council Member Martz** said he would pass on the suggestion.

**Johnson** expressed concern about the homeless persons in the downtown area still being a nuisance at the Shrine Temple during evening events and for people who attend sessions held by the Center for Management Development which is now using the building. He said that Police Officers had been called a couple of times to respond to certain situations so they are aware of the concern. Johnson also shared a flier left on vehicle windshields parked at the Temple. **Council Member Martz** said he understood this was a violation and that the flier situation would be passed onto Police.

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting for District Advisory Board V is scheduled at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at **7:00 p.m. on March 7, 2005.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant  
City Council District V